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Honorable Harold S. Sawyer  
Subcommittee on Crime  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Sawyer:

The Subcommittee on Crime has pending before it S. 2552, intelligence personnel protection legislation passed by the Senate prior to the recess for congressional elections. The legislation provides federal criminal penalties for violent attacks on United States intelligence personnel performing official duties, aliens admitted to permanent residence in the United States under the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 for their special contribution to the U.S. intelligence effort, and foreign visitors temporarily in the United States under Intelligence Community auspices in furtherance of U.S. intelligence objectives.

The security of the United States is directly related to the ability of the Intelligence Community to gather and analyze intelligence on the activities, capabilities, and intentions of foreign powers. The federal government has a compelling interest in the physical safety of those upon whom the nation relies to perform that function. Under S. 2552, the federal government will be able to bring its existing law enforcement capabilities to bear against violent crimes which interfere with the mission of the Intelligence Community.

We appreciate very much the Subcommittee's decision to hold a hearing on the legislation on 1 December. I have asked Subcommittee Chairman Hughes for expeditious handling of S. 2552 to facilitate its final enactment in the time remaining in this Congress. I would appreciate very much any assistance you can give in this regard.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

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